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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please cancel all of the claims in this application, namely Claims 1-41, and replace by the following new claims:

IN THE CLAIMS:

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--42. (New) A process for the manufacture of particles of an oil field production chemical, wherein a solid particulate oil field production chemical is comminuted in the presence of a dispersion of a dispersing agent in an inert oil to cause the dispersing agent to adhere to at least part of the surface of the particle to form a coating on said particle, the weight of coating to said particles being 0.1-10%.